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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

A cap for wiring pass-through hole

TECHNICAL FIELD

5 [0001]

This invention relates to a cap suitably used for being fitted into a wiring pass-through hole provided in a wall of a top board or side board of a desk or the like for passing through the wiring pass-through hole wiring cords drawn out of a floor surface or the like when the wiring cords should be connected to an electronic instrument such as a personal computer on an article of furniture such as a desk, a counter, a table, a panel or the like and more particularly to a cap for covering a wiring pass-through hole without any damage of an appearance even when the wiring cords don't pass through the hole.

15 BACKGROUND OF TECHNOLOGY

[0002]

Conventionally, there are known various caps for wiring pass-through hole adapted to cover the wiring pass-through hole provided in a wall of a desk or the like and an example of the commercial available caps is illustrated in Figs. 5 (A) and 5(B). The cap a comprises a diameter-reduced engagement cylindrical part b fitted into the wiring pass-through hole B previously provided in a top board A of the desk D and a removal prevention peripheral edge cover part c for engaging the upper surface of the top board A. This cap a is attached to the top board A by the diameter-reduced cylindrical part b and the peripheral edge cover part c thereof. As understood from Fig. 5(B), the removal prevention peripheral edge cover part c is provided with a partially opened wiring pass-through opening d and an outer peripheral surface of the diameter-reduced cylindrical part b is

provided with a plural of removal prevention peripheral striped protrusions
e.

[0003]

5 The conventional cap a for wiring pass-through hole is just loosely
fitted into the wiring pass-through hole b in the top board A and therefore if
this cap tries to be fitted into the wiring pass-through hole b provided in a
vertical wall such as the side board, then the cap will be possibly reluctantly
removed out of the side board due to vibration or other outer force applied
thereto.

10 [0004]

There is disclosed in Patent Document 1 a cap for wiring pass-through
hole suitable for being used for the side board of the desk or the like in
which the aforementioned disadvantage is avoided and the brief
construction thereof is illustrated in Fig. 6.

15 [0005]

As shown in Fig. 6, the cap is provided with a duct f disposed along
the bottom side of the top board of the desk D and both ends of the duct f are
supported on both of the side boards g and k of the desk D while both ends of
the duct f are faced to the wiring pass-through holes h provided in the side
20 boards so as to be faced to each other. The frame-like cap i is inserted into
the wiring pass-through hole h in one of the side boards g until an attaching
frame portion j fully enters one of the ends of the duct f and then the
frame-like cap j is fitted into the other wiring pass-through hole h in the
other side board k in the same manner.

25 [0006]

Since the caps having the construction of Fig. 6 are fitted into the duct
f extending between the side boards g and k, they never fall out of the side
boards g and k, but the wiring cord or cords have to pass through the duct f,

which causes the flexibility to be restrained and the convenience for use to be deteriorated.

[0007]

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5 [0008]

An object of the invention is to provide a cap for wiring pass-through hole adapted to be easily used not only on a horizontal surface of a top board or the like, but also on a vertical surface of a side board or the like by avoiding the disadvantage of the conventional cap for wiring pass-through
10 hole.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

[0009]

According to the invention, there is provided a cap for wiring pass-through hole comprising first and second cylindrical members to be
15 fitted onto an inner face of a wiring pass-through hole provided in a wall board in a manner faced to each other and having engagement means to engage the cylindrical members to each other so as to hold the wall board between them in accordance with a thickness of the wall board; first and second lid-like members to be fitted onto the inner surface of the first and
20 second cylindrical members so as to close these cylindrical members; and removal prevention means to engage the lid-like members with the first and second cylindrical members so that the first and second lid-like members are prevented from being removed out of the first and second cylindrical members in such a manner as to be able to be released therefrom; the first
25 and second lid-like members having first and second small quantity wiring pass-through openings defined thereby, respectively and released from the prevention of removal out of the first and second cylindrical members so as to remove away therefrom whereby the first and second cylindrical members are

exposed so as to form large quantity wiring pass-through openings.

[0010]

In the invention, a spacer may be held between an outer flange of at least one of the first and second cylindrical members and the wall board
5 whereby the wall board can be more securely supported by the first and second cylindrical member.

[0011]

In the cap of the invention, the engagement means to engage the first and second cylindrical members with each other may be teeth-like meshing
10 portions formed on the first and second cylindrical members in a predetermined pitch along an axial direction thereof so as to be faced to each other, respectively. The teeth-like meshing portions may be provided along the entire periphery thereof in a continuous or peripherally spaced manner.

[0012]

15 In the cap of the invention, the removal prevention means to prevent the first and second lid-like members from being removed out of the corresponding cylindrical members in such a manner as be able to be released therefrom may comprise inner shoulder portions formed on the first and second cylindrical members and protrusion portions formed on cylindrical
20 frames of the first and second lid-like members so as to be removably engaged with the inner shoulder portions, respectively. As the cylindrical frames of the first and second lid-like members are engagably inserted into the first and second cylindrical members, the protrusion portions of the cylindrical members are engaged with the corresponding inner shoulder portions of the
25 first and second cylindrical members whereby the first and second lid-like members are prevented from being removed out of the first and second cylindrical members.

[0013]

In another form of the cap of the invention, the removal prevention means to prevent the first and second lid-like members from being removed out of the corresponding cylindrical members in such a manner as be able to be released therefrom may comprise removal prevention axial pressurization portions formed on the first and second cylindrical members, respectively and
5 removal prevention non-axial pressurization portions formed on the first and second lid-like members so as to be resiliently forced against the removal prevention axial pressurization portions of the first and second cylindrical members. As the removal prevention non-axial pressurization portions of the
10 first and second lid-like members are forced into the removal prevention axial pressurization portions of the first and second cylindrical members, the first and second lid-like members are prevented from being removed out of the first and second cylindrical members.

[0014]

15 In further form of the cap of the invention, the removal prevention means to prevent the first and second lid-like members from being removed out of the corresponding cylindrical members in such a manner as be able to be released therefrom may comprise inner shoulder portions formed on the first and second cylindrical members and at least two pawl pieces formed on
20 the first and second lid-like members and having protrusion formed at their leading ends. As the pawl pieces are resiliently meshed with the corresponding first and second cylindrical members so that the protrusions of the leading ends of the pawl pieces are engaged with the inner shoulder portions of the first and second cylindrical members, the first and second
25 lid-like members are prevented from being removed out of the first and second cylindrical members.

[0015]

In this manner, since the first and second cylindrical members are

fitted into the wiring pass-through hole in the wall board from both sides thereof whereby the wall board is held in accordance with the thickness of the wall board and the first and second lid-like members are engaged with the corresponding first and second cylindrical members while they are prevented from being removed out thereof whereby the first and second cylindrical members are closed, the first and second cylindrical members can be positively attached to the wall board in spite of the thickness of the wall board and therefore the cap is never removed out of the wall board even though it is attached to the vertical surface such as the side board of the desk.

10 [0016]

In addition thereto, since the first and second lid-like members close the wiring pas-through hole, the appearance is never damaged and furthermore, normally the wiring cord or cords can pass through the small quantity wiring pass-through opening in the first and second lid-like members. In case of the increasing number of the wiring cords, the large inner peripheral face of the first and second cylindrical members are exposed so as to be more largely opened, by removing the first and second lid-like members out of the first and second cylindrical members, the cylindrical members themselves may be used for large quantity wiring pass-through opening.

20 [0017]

Furthermore, as the spacer is inserted between the wall board and at least one of the cylindrical members, the cylindrical members can more positively hold the wall board between them and as the engagement means to engage the first and second cylindrical members to each other comprises teeth-like meshing portions provided on the cylindrical members to be meshed with each other, the wall board can be positively held between the first and second cylindrical members in accordance with the thickness of the

wall board.

[0018]

The removal prevention means to prevent the first and second lid-like members from being unwillingly removed out of the first and second cylindrical members comprises the removal prevention inner shoulder portions on the cylindrical members and the leading end protrusion portions on the cylindrical frames of the lid-like members whereby the protrusion portions of the cylindrical members are engaged with the inner shoulder portions of the cylindrical members, comprises the removal prevention axial pressurization portions on the cylindrical members and the removal prevention non-axial pressurization portions on the lid-like members whereby the lid-like members are fitted into the cylindrical members so that these pressurization portions are resiliently engaged with each other so as to fully provide a frictional resistance thereto, or comprises the inner shoulder portions on the cylindrical members and the pawl pieces on the lid-like members whereby with the pawl pieces of the lid-like members resiliently and engagably inserted into the cylindrical members so that the protrusion portions of the pawl pieces are engaged with the inner shoulder portions of the cylindrical members, the first and second lid-like members are more positively prevented from being unwillingly removed out of the first and second cylindrical members.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRWAINGS

[0019]

Fig. 1 illustrates a cap for wiring pass-through hole according to one form of embodiment of the invention wherein Fig. 1A is a front view of the cap, Fig. 1B is a vertical cross sectional view of the cap in the state where it is used and Fig. 1C is an enlarged vertical cross sectional view of a part of the cap shown in Fig. 1B;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross sectional view of a cap for wiring pass-through hole according to another form of embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 3 illustrates further form of a second lid-like member used for the invention wherein Fig. 3A is a back view of the lid-like member and Fig. 3B is
5 a cross sectional view of the lid-like member taken along a line B-B of Fig. 3A;

Fig. 4 illustrates a first cylindrical member used for the invention wherein Fig. 4A is a side view of the cylindrical member and Fig. 4B is a cross sectional view thereof;

Fig. 5 illustrates a conventional cap for wiring pass-through hole
10 wherein Fig. 5A is a side view of the cap in the state where it is used and Fig. 5B is a plan view thereof; and

Fig. 6 illustrates another conventional cap for wiring pass-through hole in the state where it is used wherein Fig. 6A is a front view of the cap with a portion broken away and Fig. 6B is an enlarged cross sectional view of
15 a principal part thereof.

BEST MODE OF EMBODIMENT OF INVENTION

[0020]

A cap for wiring pass-through hole according to one form of embodiment of the invention will be explained in details with reference to Fig.
20 1.

[0021]

The cap for wiring pass-through hole comprises first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B to be fitted onto a wiring pass-through hole H provided in a vertical wall board Y such as a side board of a desk from both
25 sides thereof and engaged with each other in accordance with a thickness W of the wall board Y, first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B having cylindrical frames 2g and 2h to be fitted into the openings of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B, respectively, engagement means 1C to

engage the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B to each other within the wiring pass-through hole H and removal prevention means 3 to prevent the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2b from being removed out of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B, respectively in
5 such a manner as to be able to be released from the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B.

[0022]

The first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B have small quantity wiring pass-through openings 2a and 2b, respectively and therefore these
10 lid-like members 2A and 2B close the major portions of the openings of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B in the state where the lid-like members 2A and 2B are fitted into the cylindrical members 1A and 1B, but a small quantity of wiring cords can pass through the small quantity wiring pass-through openings 2a and 2b whereby the wiring processing can
15 be carried out.

[0023]

With the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B removed out of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B, the entire cross sections of the inner peripheral surfaces of the first and second cylindrical members
20 1A and 1B are opened so that the large quantity wiring pass-through opening 4 is formed, a large quantity of wiring cords pass through the large quantity pass-through opening 4 whereby the large quantity wiring processing can be carried out.

[0024]

25 As shown in Figs. 1B and 1C, the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B comprise outer flanges 1a and 1b engaging both faces of the wall board Y, respectively when they are fitted into the wiring pass-through hole H and cylindrical portions 1c and 1d to be inserted into and

engaged with the wiring pass-through hole H. As shown in Figs. 4A and 4B, there are provided a plural of striped protrusions 1e adjacent to the outer flange 1a on the outer surface of the cylindrical portion 1c of the first cylindrical member 1A in a spaced manner. These striped protrusions 1e serves to prevent the first cylindrical member 1A from unwillingly rotating within the wiring pass-through hole H.

[0025]

In the illustrated form, the engagement means 1C comprises a plural of saw-teeth-like meshing or interlocking portions 1f protruding inwardly from and formed on the free end of the cylindrical portion 1c of the first cylindrical member 1A in a spaced manner in the peripheral direction (see Fig. 4B) and a plural of saw-teeth-like meshing or interlocking portions 1g provided on the outer face of the cylindrical portion 1d of the second cylindrical member 1B to be meshed with the saw-teeth-like meshing portions 1f. The meshing portions 1g of the second cylindrical member 1B are formed in an elongated manner in the axial direction and therefore even though the thickness of the wall board Y has substantially large difference, the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1b can maintain the meshing portions 1f and 1g meshed with each other while they hold the wall board Y between them whereby the wall board Y can be in the state of being held by the outer flanges 1a and 1b.

[0026]

In case that the engagement means 1C is short of the strength with which the wall board is held between the first and second cylindrical members, a spacer 5 of appropriate thickness may be inserted between the wall board Y and the outer flange 1b as shown in Fig. 1B. The spacer 5 serves to compensate the shortage of the holding strength.

[0027]

In the illustrated form, the removal prevention means 3 comprises inner shoulder portions 1h and 1i formed on the inside of the cylindrical portions 1c and 1d of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B and striped protrusion portions 2c and 2d of semicircular cross section formed on the edges of the cylindrical frames 2g and 2h of the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B. As the cylindrical frames 2g and 2h are engagably inserted into the cylindrical portions 1c and 1d of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B, the protrusion portions 2c and 2d at the edges of the cylindrical frames 2c and 2d resiliently engage the inner shoulder portions 1h and 1i of the cylindrical portions 1c and 1d whereby the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B are prevented from being unwillingly removed out of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B.

[0028]

The removal prevention means 3 in another form is shown in Fig. 2 and this removal prevention means 3 comprises axial pressurization portions 1j and 1k formed by the cylindrical portions 1c and 1d themselves of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B, respectively and non-axial pressurization portions 2e and 2f formed by the cylindrical frames 2g and 2h themselves of the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B, respectively. The non-axial pressurization portions 2e and 2f (cylindrical frames 2g and 2h) of the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B are forced into the axial pressurization portions 1j and 1k (cylindrical portions 1c and 1d) of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B and the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B are prevented from being unwillingly removed out of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B by frictional resistance based on the resilient engagement of the pressurization portions because of the pressurization portions 2e and 2f forced into the pressurization portions 1j

and 1k.

[0029]

The removal prevention means 3 in further form is shown in Fig. 3 and the removal prevention means 3 of this form comprises at least two pawl
5 pieces 2i formed on the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B and having protrusion 2j formed at their leading ends. As the pawl pieces 2i are resiliently meshed with the not shown inner shoulder portions formed on the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B, respectively in the same manner as those in the form of Fig. 1 so that the protrusions 2j at their
10 leading ends are engaged with the inner shoulder portions of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B whereby the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B are prevented from being removed out of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B.

[0030]

15 In this manner, since the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B are fitted into the wiring pass-through hole H in the wall board Y from both sides thereof whereby they are held in accordance with the thickness W of the wall board Y and in addition thereto, the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B are engaged with the corresponding first and second
20 cylindrical members 1A and 1B while they are prevented from being removed out thereof so that the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B are closed, the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B can be positively attached to the wall board Y in spite of the size W of the thickness of the wall board Y and therefore the cap never falls away even though it is attached to
25 the vertical surface such as the side board of the desk.

[0031]

Since the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B close the wiring pass-through hole H in the wall board Y, the appearance is never

damaged and furthermore, normally the wiring cord or cords can pass through the small quantity wiring pass-through openings 2b in the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B. In case of the increasing number of the wiring cords, by removing the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B out of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B, the large inner peripheral surfaces of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B are exposed so as to be more largely opened, the cylindrical members themselves may be used for large quantity wiring pass-through opening 4, which will be easily understood.

10 [0032]

As the spacer 5 is inserted between the wall board Y and at least one of the cylindrical members 1A or 1B, the cylindrical members 1A and 1B can more positively hold the wall board Y between them and the saw-teeth-like meshing portions 1f and 1g, which are the engagement means 1C to engage the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B to each other can positively hold the wall board Y between the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B in accordance with various thicknesses W of the wall board Y.

[0033]

20 By the inner shoulder portions 1h and 1i of the cylindrical members 1A and 1B and the pawl portions 2g and 2h of the lid-like members, the axial pressurization portions 1j and 1k of the cylindrical members 1A and 1B and the non-axial pressurization portions 2e and 2f of the lid-like members 2A and 2B or the pawl pieces 2j with the protrusions 2i of the lid-like members 2A and 2B and the inner shoulder portions of the cylindrical members 1A and 1B, which are the removal prevention means 3 to prevent the first and second lid-like members from being unwillingly removed out of the first and second cylindrical members, the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B are

more positively prevented from being unwillingly removed out of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B.

POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZATION IN INDUSTRIES

[0034]

5 According to the cap for wiring pass-through hole of the invention, the cap can be applied not only for a horizontal surface of a top board of a desk or the like, but also on a vertical surface of a side board or the like and since the cap comprises the cylindrical members and the lid-like members and can be applied for large or small quantity of wiring by attaching the lid-like
10 members to the cylindrical members or by removing the lid-like members out of the cylindrical members with the result that the possibility of utilization in industries can be improved.

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